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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

As a consumer and potential small business owner (I plan to setup a company in my retirement), I support broadband competition well beyond what we have currently. I am currently stuck with Comcast as my provider as DSL is too slow and fiber is not available in my area. Broadband is critical to my home life (we do not subscribe to cable) and to my future business (as it will be heavily dependent on internet access and services). I am very disappointed in the broadband services we have when compared to Europe - in fact our services are similar to what I've seen in provincial towns in Mexico. We can do better.

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